

August 19, 2004

The Honorable Gilbert Cedillo  
State Capitol, Room 3048  
Sacramento, CA 95814

*Via fax: 916-327-8817*

**RE: Support the Immigrant Responsibility and Security Act (SB 1160)**

Dear Senator Cedillo:

On August 17, 2004, the Santa Barbara City Council voted to endorse SB 1160. The Immigrant Responsibility and Security Act is sound public policy. This bill represents a common sense approach to a complicated but resolvable issue. It strengthens homeland security and public safety, and immigrant responsibility, citizenship and civic participation.

SB1160 will provide greater homeland security utilizing background checks and will improve highway safety and protect the lives of all Californians by ensuring that California motorists are properly trained, tested and insured. While SB 1160 places greater civic responsibility on immigrants, it is important that all drivers' licenses look the same regardless of the driver's immigration status. SB 1160 contains adequate security protections and any distinguishing "mark" will only lead to discrimination.

SB1160 will enable hard working, taxpaying California residents to continue to contribute to our economy and provide them means of transportation to work and care for their families.

We urge the Legislature and Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger to support SB1160.

Sincerely,

Marty Blum  
Mayor

cc: Assembly Member Hannah-Beth Jackson  
Senator Tom McClintock  
Santa Barbara City Council Members  
City Administrator Jim Armstrong